

PARKS AND RECREATION*

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ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL

Sec. 16-1. Definitions.

For the purposes of this article, the following words and phrases shall have the meanings respectively ascribed to them by this section:

Commission shall mean the recreation and park commission herein established. (Code 1961, § 2.42; Ord. No. 807, 3-14-89)

Sec. 16-2. Commission created; composition.

There is hereby created a recreation and park commission consisting of seven (7) members, both men and women. The members thereof shall be appointed as follows:

- (a) Seven (7) members to be recommended and appointed by the city council.
- (b) Except as herein provided no officer or employee of the city shall be eligible for appointment to membership on this commission. (Code 1961, § 2.43; Ord. No. 807, 3-14-89)

Sec. 16-3. Terms of recreation and park commissioners; vacancies.

Members of the commission shall serve for a term of two (2) years without compensation. The terms of the present members of the commission (as of September 30, 1985) are extended to the last day of the month of February following the last day of the month of September upon which the terms to which they were appointed expire. The present members of the commission shall continue in office for the terms to which they were appointed and as extended. Thereafter, the city council shall appoint commissioners to fill the offices as the terms of the members expire. Appointments shall be for a term of two (2) years commencing on the first day of March and ending on the last day of February. Vacancies in the commission occurring otherwise than by expiration of term of office shall be filled in the manner herein set forth for the unexpired term of the

commissioner ceasing to be a member of the commission. (Code 1961, § 2.44; Ord. No. 487, § 5, 7-10-72; Ord. No. 740, § 2, 11-12-85; Ord. No. 807, 3-14-89)

Sec. 16-4. Officers of commission.

At the first regular meeting, following the first day of March of each year, or as soon thereafter as possible, the members of the commission shall elect from their members a chairman and a vice-chairman. The duties of such officers shall respectively be such as are usually performed by such officers. Such officers shall hold office for one (1) year or until their successors are elected. (Code 1961, § 2.45; Ord. No. 807, 3-14-89)

Sec. 16-5. Commission rules of procedure; meetings.

The commission shall adopt rules and regulations to govern its procedure, and shall meet the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Belmont City Hall, and shall determine the manner in which special meetings may be held and the notice thereof to be given. (Code 1961, § 2.46; Ord. No. 807, 3-14-89)

Sec. 16-6. Quorum for commission; effect of absences.

A majority of the regular members shall constitute a quorum. Absence from three (3) consecutive regular meetings, without the approval of the commission, shall be deemed to constitute retirement of such member and the office may be declared vacant. (Code 1961, § 2.47; Ord. No. 807, 3-14-89)

Sec. 16-7. Commission minutes.

Minutes of the commission's meetings shall be kept and shall be filed with the city clerk and the recreation and park department. Copies shall be made available to members of the city council. (Code 1961, § 2.48; Ord. No. 807, 3-14-89)

*State law references—Authority to provide for parks, Pub. Res. Code, §§ 5301—5303; parks and playgrounds generally, Gov. Code, § 38000.

Sec. 16-8. Commission powers and duties.

The powers and duties of the commission shall be to:

- (a) Act in an advisory capacity to the city council in all matters pertaining to the city recreation and park department and to cooperate with other governmental agencies and civic groups in the advancement of sound planning of recreational areas and facilities and for such programs.
- (b) Formulate policies on city recreation for approval of the city council.
- (c) Advise with the recreation and park department on problems for development of recreational areas, facilities, parks and programs.
- (d) Recommend the adoption of standards for organization, personnel, areas, facilities, parks, programs and financial support of such recreational and parks activities.
- (e) Make periodic inventories of recreational services and facilities and parks that exist or may be needed, and interpret such matters to the public, to the city council and recreation and park department.
- (f) Aid in coordinating recreation and park services with any program of other governmental agencies and voluntary civic organizations.
- (g) Act in an advisory capacity with the recreation and park department in the preparation of the annual budget and long-range recreation and park capital improvement program.
- (h) Perform such other duties as may be assigned to the commission by the city council. (Code 1961, § 2.49; Ord. No. 807, 3-14-89)

Sec. 16-9. Use of Twin Pines Property.

Upon acquisition by the city of seventeen and twelve-hundredths (17.12) acres, more or less of land known as a portion of Twin Pines Property and existing buildings thereon, said property shall be used solely for open space and park and recreation purpose. (Ord. No. 500, 4-25-73)

Secs. 16-10—16-20. Reserved.**ARTICLE II. USE REGULATIONS****Sec. 16-21. Applicability.**

The regulations contained in this article are hereby established with reference to use of city parks and public recreational areas. (Ord. No. 533, § 1, 4-8-74)

Sec. 16-22. General duty to clean up, extinguish fires.

Each person or entity using the public parks and grounds shall clean up all debris, extinguish all fires when such fires are permitted, and leave the premises in good order, and the facilities in a neat and sanitary condition. (Ord. No. 533, § 1, 4-8-74)